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In re Application of:)
Johann Karl et al.)) Examiner James Leslie Grun, Ph.D.) Group Art Unit No. 1641)
Serial No. 09/890,442	
Filing Date: January 31, 2002	
For: Assay for the Detection of N- Terminal proBNP)))

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this communication.